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LETTER DATED 23 SEPTEMBER 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit, herewith, a message addressed to Your Excellency from H.E. Dr. Ali Akbar Velayati the Foreign Minister of the Islamic Republic of Iran dated 21 September 1994, concerning the situation in Tajikistan.

It would be highly appreciated if this letter and its annex were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kamal KHARRAZI
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Annex

Message dated 21 September from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran addressed to the Secretary-General

In light of the policy of the Islamic Republic of Iran to assist the efforts of the Secretary-General of the United Nations to find a peaceful solution to the crisis in Tajikistan, I have the pleasure to inform you that following a period of lull in the process of negotiation for national reconciliation, a round of talks called "Political consultations for continuation of national reconciliation negotiations in Tajikistan" was held in Tehran from 12 to 17 September 1994, thanks to Your Excellency's good offices and the efforts of the Islamic Republic of Iran. These talks were conducted under the supervision of your special envoy, H.E. Mr. Ramiro Piriz-Ballon, and representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Russian Federation and Pakistan participated as observers.

I am pleased to announce that the political consultations in Tehran were quite fruitful and paved the way for the success of efforts aimed at peaceful resolution of crisis and establishment of durable peace in Tajikistan. One of the developments of these talks was the direct negotiations between high level representatives of the parties involved in Tajikistan crisis which took place in a climate of understanding - a development which constitutes a first-time achievement in the process of negotiation for national reconciliation in Tajikistan. These talks resulted in the signing of an agreement for provisional cease-fire, cessation of hostile acts in Tajikistan and at borders with Afghanistan which will enter into force when the United Nations Observers are deployed to the area. In light of the sensitivity and importance of early return of peace and security to Tajikistan, I would hope to soon witness the dispatch of United Nations Observers.

The Islamic Republic of Iran, recognizing Your Excellency's valuable role in advancing the negotiations for national reconciliation in Tajikistan, underlines the grave responsibility of the United Nations Organization in devising an effective mechanism for supervision of cease-fire and making efforts to extend it until final solution has been achieved. In this connection, the Islamic Republic of Iran announces its continued preparedness to extend assistance to the efforts of the United Nations.

We can now happily pronounce that Tehran negotiations and its results were a turning point in the process of peaceful resolution of conflict in Tajikistan and represents a successful attempt in general peace-making.

In conclusion, I would like to highlight and to commend the helpful and effective role H.E. Mr. Ramiro Piriz-Ballon, your special envoy for Tajikistan, played in securing so important an achievement.

I trust the outcome of Tehran negotiations will serve the interests of the peoples of Tajikistan, region and the world.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Dr. Ali Akbar Velayati
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Islamic Republic of Iran